KETTON RURAL DISTRICT.

Abbreviated Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1940.

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population -	14.6
Death Rate " " " " " -	13.9
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births -	48.7

These figures compare very favourably with those of England and Wales.

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.- Contract of £7.10.0.per annum with the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough has proved of immense value. Contract is still maintained.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.- Ryhall.- The supply in the village continues to be a source of danger. 6 samples were taken from different wells during the year. One proved grossly contaminated, five unfit for human consumption unless boiled. No shortage of water has been reported.

Great Casterton - Condition of water supply is still unsatisfactory. Two samples taken, one reported as being unfit for use unless boiled.

Closet Accommodation. - Pail closet in use throughout the District.

Collection bu scavenging.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Number of Dairymen in the District. - 31.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. - No slaughter houses are in use in the District. Complaints were received owing to dirty condition of meat delivered to butchers in the District from Meat Depot. This condition was remedied by provision of lorry with a properly constructed meat container.